

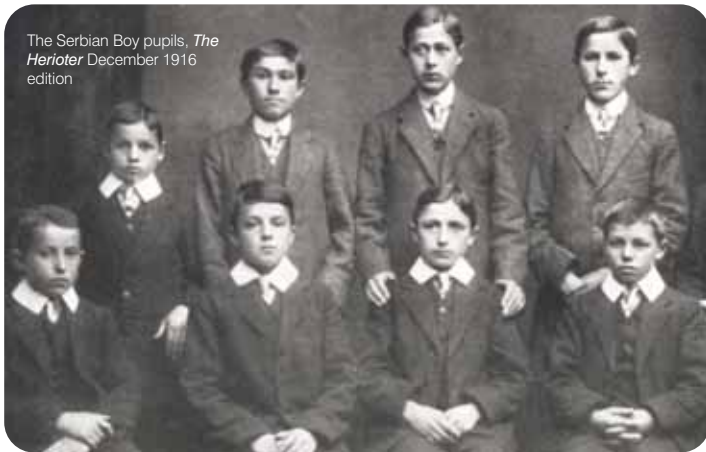


Quadrangle

GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER



The Legacy of the “Serbian Boys”



The Serbian Boy pupils, *The Heriotian* December 1916 edition

The story of the Serbian Boys at Heriot's is well-known, but worth repeating – and in the last twelve months, with a major television documentary and a rugby tournament in Serbia, it has come almost full circle.

The story goes back to the days of the First World War, when, in retreat from the advancing Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian armies, the army of Serbia withdrew westwards through the mountains of Albania towards the safety of the Adriatic Sea, where allied boats were awaiting them. Their army contained many young boys, aged from 13 to 18 and trained to use a rifle, and endured great hardship on their journey. Dodging enemy bombers, over 5,000 Serbian boys were taken to Marseilles, of whom a small but significant contingent made their way to Britain; in 1916 Sir Edward Parrot, Convener of the Committee for the Relief of the Serbians in Edinburgh, asked the Governors of Heriot's to offer lodging and an education at the School to 26 of these boys, all of whose fathers occupied good positions in civil life at home.

The Governors were quick to respond and the boys repaid their hospitality in the best way possible, by entering into the life of the School, in excelling academically, in successful pursuit of sports and CCF activities, and taking home with them a high regard and love of all things connected to George Heriot's School.

Life back in Yugoslavia could be difficult, and the success of the boys who had enjoyed an education overseas did not always make things easy for them. Nevertheless, their strong link to the School remained. A letter from one of the boys to the *Heriotian* was received in 1928, but with the Second World War and the advent of communism, communications trailed off. But in 1959, five Serbian boys were invited to attend the School's 300th anniversary celebrations. **William Dewar**, the Headmaster, made return visits to Belgrade in 1960 and 1962 (the latter being preceded by a visit from **Sir James Millar**, Chairman of Governors, and his wife). At that time several of the “Serbian boys” had attained positions of prestige: Professor **Mihailo Radovanovic** was one of the country's senior geographers, **Djordje Nikolic** was an engineer, **Sveta Marianovic** had just retired from his post as a bank manager, and **Dimtri Dulkanovic** had just

retired (through illness) as a tuberculosis specialist. **Danilo Djokic** was said to be “crippled by arthritis”, and, with illness and old age taking their toll, communications again became occasional; with the sad news of the death of Dmitri Dulkanovic in 1995 the link with the last of the boys was broken.

However, the story lives on.

One of the special interests of the boys was rugby, and they took a love of the game back to their homeland, sowing the seeds of this sport in Serbia, but their efforts died out in 1923 owing to a lack of pitches.

A Serbian television crew contacted the School in 2011 and asked if we had any mementos of the boys and if it would be possible to make a visit and do some filming. I was pleased to assist with this, and the film, which covered both the boys' educational records and their sporting prowess, was broadcast in January 2012 as two half-hour programmes. An audience of almost a million gave a movingly enthusiastic response, including:

“I am the grandson of Zirko Ilic, and I liked this so much”

“My father Dmitri Dulkanovic often in old age talked about Scotland – every first Saturday in June he and his old school mates celebrated George Heriot's School”

“Beautiful show – makes you proud and forces tears to the eyes. It is important to celebrate and maintain old friendships”

“It was good to recall all those wonderful and good works of individuals and their institution”

Following these programmes, an invitation was extended to Heriot's Rugby Club to take part in an international tournament in Belgrade involving nine countries and hosted by RK Pobednik. Heriot's Rugby Club sent three teams, which were supported by the Headmaster and members of the Club. Both Heriot's Senior and Under-16 A sides won their respective tournaments, and attended a reception hosted by the British Ambassador, Michael Davenport. Four of the families of the old Serbian Boys were able to be present at the event.

Reference was made to the first ever representative event involving Serbian rugby when a seven-a-side team consisting of Heriot's Serbians wearing their national colours of red shirts, white socks and blue shorts, beat a Dominions team 8-3 in 1918, and Heriot's Rugby teams were delighted to be able to respond to the success of the old Serbian boys by attending and winning the tournament. On leaving Heriot's in 1919, the boys presented a plaque to the School in gratitude for their education, which quoted *Matthew Chapter 25, Verse 40*, “*Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me*”. During the recent visit to Belgrade, the Headmaster was able to echo this gesture by presenting his hosts with a framed photograph of the 1919 plaque.



FRASER SIMM Archivist



From the Headmaster

News from the School

It was good to begin the session with news of successful activities involving Heriot's pupils during the summer holidays, and as can be seen from the ever changing News section on the Heriot's website, there has been no let up since the beginning of term.

The session also opened to very good news about our pupils' achievements in the 2012 public examinations. In the benchmark year of S5, they achieved an A-C pass rate above 96% for the third year in a row, which is a great tribute to the pupils' hard work and the consistency of the standard of learning and teaching in the School. Significantly, they did it sitting more Highers and gaining more passes each on average than any of their predecessors – Heriot's presentation rate has regularly been 4.6 Highers per candidate in recent years but this year it was 4.7, with an average of 4.5 Highers passed per candidate. They also achieved the highest proportion of A grades (64.9%) amongst all the schools in Edinburgh and were third in Scotland on that score. With an excellent all-round performance by our S6 pupils and the best ever results for a Heriot's S4 cohort, these were great results for Heriot's pupils, and once again at all levels there were remarkable individual stories of pupils exceeding expectations through sheer hard work and determination and deserving applause just as much as those of the high fliers.

Rugby in the Sun

On the first weekend of the summer holidays I had the pleasure of being part of a special sporting event in the Serbian capital Belgrade, at which Heriot's had pride of place. This was a 7-a-side rugby tournament organised by local club RK Pobednik, to celebrate Rugby in Serbia and its roots in the story of the Heriot's Serbian boys. A tour party of 45, consisting of a squad of senior players, two U16 squads, coaches, doctors, supporters both from the Rugby Club and from the School parent body, and I made the trip to represent Heriot's.

The tournament was the brainchild of Pobednik's Director of Rugby, Mark Barrett, who had seen a television programme made by the main Serbian television channel RTS telling the story of the 26 Serbian boys who came to Edinburgh as evacuees from their homeland during the First World War, were educated at Heriot's and learnt to play Rugby there.

With teams from Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Romania, Poland, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and of course Scotland, this was a truly international gathering,



which was honoured with a reception hosted by the UK Ambassador to Serbia, Mr Michael Davenport, at his Residence.

The standard of Rugby was high and with temperatures in the high 30s it was a challenging competition for all the players, especially those from the cold North! But the Heriot's U16 A team came through their league undefeated and clinched the title in a game against host club RK Pobednik, who were runners-up. The men's tournament, which began with two pools and progressed to knock-out rounds, also culminated in a final between Heriot's and Pobednik, with Heriot's emerging as winners.

Thanks to the work of Belgrade journalist Natasa Djulic and Edinburgh based researcher Louise Miller, a number of direct descendants of the original Heriot's Serbian boys had been traced and were present both at the Ambassador's reception and for the climax of the Rugby tournament. It was my honour to present them with framed photographs of the inscription on the brass plaque in the Old Building which commemorates the Serbian boys' time as pupils at Heriot's. Meeting them was a special part of a memorable weekend, and it was a wonderful moment when they joined with all the players for one final photograph.

ALISTAIR HECTOR





Time flies at Heriot's! This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the launch of **Quadrangle**, which has grown from small beginnings to the bumper edition of today.

Fittingly the front page article in this edition echoes the Headmaster's introduction to the first edition in March 2002 when he referred to the story of the Serbian boys as "an illustration of the rich tapestry woven by the lives of Heriot's Former Pupils past and present".

We are receiving more and more fascinating articles from Former Pupils sharing their experiences of Heriot's and life after Heriot's from all over the world – please do keep them coming.

The Heriot's Community stretches far and wide and we hope that **Quadrangle** is playing its part in creating and strengthening the connections. Social networking media such as Facebook may not be everyone's cup of tea but they are also helping to maintain and rediscover contact with former school friends as you will see from the articles about forthcoming Reunions. Electronic communication has revolutionised many lives but face to face communication will never be beaten, and we hope that the articles about the successful reunions will prompt more people to come along to meet old friends and see the School as it is today. We look forward to welcoming you.

JENNIFER ALEXANDER Business Director and Treasurer



Fraser Henderson

Very sadly, one of our Governors, Mr Fraser Henderson, nominated by the City of Edinburgh Council as someone with an educational experience, died in May this year.

Although a Boroughmuir man and not a Herioter, his involvement with the School dates back to his first year school days when he played rugby against Heriot's. Fraser's particular interest was sport, captaining rugby teams throughout school and being athletics champion in both Junior and Senior Schools. The sporting connection continued after school when Jordanhill College beckoned, and Fraser became a P.E. Teacher, ultimately ending up as Assistant Director of Education for Edinburgh, hence the educational background.

Fraser was nominated by the City as a Governor in 1996 and served until his untimely death in May 2012, and I know took up the role with enormous pleasure. His educational experience was well and constructively used by the Board over his



term of office from assisting in the appointment of our Headmaster, and advising and supporting the new School Management structure, to the restructuring of the Senior School Guidance System. He chaired the Bursaries and Scholarships Committee and was actively involved in moving the focus of such support from merit based scholarships to Bursarial Assistance, making a Heriot education available to families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees.

I knew Fraser for many years through my own involvement in Basketball, Rugby and the Scottish Sports Council (now Sport Scotland). As he was particularly interested in P.E. and sport it is one of my regrets that he never saw the new Sports Centre which I am sure would have gladdened his heart. His wise counsel and enthusiasm for Heriot's will be sorely missed.

MICHAEL GILBERT
Chairman

Dr A Lindsay Stewart

OBE CA FRCSED (Hon) FRCOG (Hon) FRCSI (Hon) – CLASS OF '44

Message from the Headmaster
"It was mentioned in the previous edition that an article on Dr Stewart would feature in this edition. The following piece was written and prepared some time ago with characteristic input from Lindsay himself. However, I am very sad to report that Lindsay passed away on the 9th September; therefore this is now a heartfelt appreciation of his life. Lindsay Stewart was a Herioter through and through and he expressed his life-long love of Heriot's by giving generously of his time, expertise and money. We owe him an immense debt of gratitude for his service as a Governor of the School and Trustee of the Heriot Appeal Trust, which has helped countless pupils who might not otherwise have been able to afford to be educated at Heriot's. He made a substantial donation towards the costs of building our wonderful Heriot's Centre for Sport and Exercise, which opened in March this year, and this support is acknowledged by the naming of the main space in the Sports Centre as the Lindsay Stewart Sports Hall. We are so pleased that he was able to attend the official opening of the Sports Centre before he died. He'll be missed greatly by his many friends in the Heriot's community, and we salute him."



in 1996 and 1997. In 1998 Napier University honoured him as a Doctor of the University Honoris Causa. He also worked as Trustee and Treasurer of the Edinburgh Napier University Development Trust.

At Heriot's he served as a Governor from 1976 to 1996, taking on the role of Finance Convener in 1981; he served as Vice-Chairman from 1984 until his retirement from the Board in 1996. He served on many committees of the Governing Board, and, as Convener of the Investment Committee from 1984, he oversaw policies which enabled the Trust's investments to grow steadily during his time at the helm. Lindsay was a long standing and valued Trustee of the Heriot Appeal Trust, convening its Investment Committee, and serving as Chairman from 1982 to 2011. He took a great interest in the progress of those pupils who were recipients of Appeal Trust Bursaries.

He retained throughout his life an active interest in Rugby and Golf. He was both an Honorary Vice



Many people were instrumental in the completion of the new Heriot's Centre for Sport and Exercise; notable amongst them was Dr Lindsay Stewart who provided a very generous donation towards the costs of the building.

A former pupil of the School with many distinguished achievements over a long career, Dr Stewart provided support for the Trust over many years and in many varied ways.

Lindsay came to Heriot's aged 12 on 25th April, 1939 and left in July 1944. His skills included Mathematics and Geography and he had particular abilities in tennis, rugby and athletics. He was a prefect and also a leading light in the O.T.C. (Officer Training Corps), appearing in a photograph of "School Celebrities" for session 1943-44 as the Chief Petty Officer of the Sea Cadets. In 1944 he volunteered for the Navy and trained to be a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm.

After the war, he graduated as a Chartered Accountant in 1952. He joined the international

firm of Ethicon Ltd (Edinburgh) and retired in 1988 after 37 years' service and 17 years as Managing Director. With Ethicon eventually exporting products to over 120 countries, he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1976 for services to export.

His connection to the surgical world brought him many honours, including Honorary Fellowships with:

- The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- The Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, London
- The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- The Association of Surgeons of East Africa

After his retirement from Ethicon in 1988 he continued to volunteer financial advice and assistance to all the Royal Colleges and was appointed to many committees.

From 1985 to 1997 he was a member of the Court at Napier Polytechnic (later to become Edinburgh Napier University) and was Chairman of the Court

President of the Heriot Rugby Club and Honorary President of the Heriot Golf Club. His career in Golf Administration from 1967 to date was also notable, as he served first of all as President of the Lothians Golf Association between 1978-1980, then as Chairman of Selectors and Non-Playing Captain of Scottish Youths International Golf Team (1981-1988). He was President of the Scottish Golf Union in 1991; Great Britain and Ireland Representative on the Amateur Technical Committee of the European Golf Association (1992-1995); and, from 1996, Honorary President of the Lothians Golf Association.

Lindsay Stewart always set high standards, but always showed a willingness to help others who merited his assistance. His generosity in making a sizable donation to the new Sports Centre was just one of the latest examples in a career of giving and commitment to constructive support.

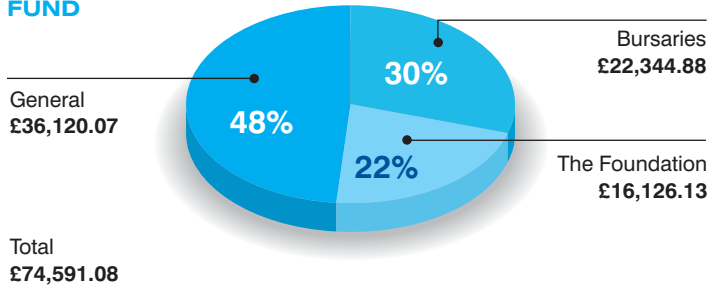
For all that he did for Heriot's – and especially for his donation to the Sports Hall – we will always be very grateful to him.

Annual Fund | 2011-12 Report



THE NINTH YEAR OF THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUND CLOSED ON 31 JULY WITH A TOTAL OF **£74,591.08** HAVING BEEN RAISED TO BENEFIT THE THREE CATEGORIES. OUR THANKS TO EACH OF OUR 268 DONORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, WHICH IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

FUND



Bursaries

With many families having to dig deep to continue to send their children to Heriot's, the provision of means tested Bursarial assistance is vital to enable children whose families are not able to afford fees to come to school and equally importantly to provide assistance to those families whose circumstances are such that they can no longer afford the full cost of school fees. Whilst most applications are made in November for the following session, we try wherever possible to support applications received at other times throughout the session. Your support for Bursaries under the Annual Fund really makes a difference to the amount of support we can provide each year.

The Foundation

We are very pleased that we are receiving a growing number of applications for Heriot's for the children of widows and widowers who meet the criteria of the Foundation - children of all ages and stages of education. This session we have 12 new Foundationers and 1 new James Hardie Bursar (the child of a widower) ranging from P1 to S6. We meet all costs of their education at Heriot's so that each pupil is "just another Herioter". We also meet the cost of "whole year" annual trips and help with other outings and activities if required. Donations under the Annual Fund for the Foundation are a valued contribution.

General

We are most grateful to all the donors who have given to the General category of the Annual Fund. Over the years this has allowed many areas of the School, and most of our pupils, to benefit from your generosity. The following are the areas that have received funds from this year's donations, and sincere thanks are given by members of staff and pupils:

JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPIL COUNCIL

The Junior School Pupil Council would like to thank all donors to the Annual Fund for their generosity and kind donations which have enabled the school to buy new trays for the refectory. We look forward to using them.

LUCY IRONS and **SARAH SCOTT** (P7)

SENIOR SCHOOL PUPIL COUNCIL

I would like to thank the donors to the Annual Fund on behalf of the pupils for their generosity which has allowed us to purchase three new picnic benches for the playground. The benches we already have are very popular in warm weather and the Pupil Council received several requests for more benches throughout the year. The new benches, which are made from recycled materials, will be placed on the opposite side of the playground from those which we currently have, and will give more pupils the opportunity to spend lunchtimes out in the open air.

LINDSEY CULLEN (S6), Chairman of the SSPP

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Following last year's donation to the Geography department for GPS handsets, we would like to pass on thanks for a further allocation of monies to allow purchase of a full class set of upgraded hand-held GPS devices. This is to assist with new developments in our teaching calendar, particularly in S1 and S6, but also with a view to rolling out activities across all year groups so that all pupils will benefit from the purchase. The GPS units will feed into the development of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in schools, which we are working on developing at Heriot's, in conjunction with The University of Edinburgh and the Royal Geographical Society.

Sincere thanks for your generosity which enables these cutting edge developments in the department.

ALISON HUGHES, Principal Teacher of Geography

TELEVISION MONITOR SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL MAIN RECEPTION

The Senior Leadership Group is delighted that the Annual Fund has generously agreed to the provision of a large flat screen monitor for use in the School Office. This will certainly enhance the experience of visitors, parents and prospective pupils in the Reception area. The screen will enable us to display a wide range of material including up to date photographs, footage of Goldenacre and extracts from School shows. We are most grateful for this support and would like to thank all donors to the Annual Fund for their generous support.

JO EASTON, Director of Admissions and Marketing

OUTDOOR EDUCATION - WINTER MOUNTAINEERING EQUIPMENT



The Scottish mountains in winter are an excellent venue for promoting resilience, teamwork, responsibility and self-reliance. In order to focus on the skills and techniques used to experience safely this amazing environment, and to give pupils the opportunity to say "we did that!", there is a necessary amount of basic technical equipment which is required to conduct these trips in a safe and responsible manner. Therefore, the staff and pupils who are involved with winter hill-walking and mountaineering would like to express their thanks to the donors to the Annual Fund for their generosity and support in our purchase of ice axes, crampons and other key safety equipment which will allow more pupils to experience the grandeur and beauty of our own country in winter without having to go through the costly rigmarole of hiring before each trip. Whilst everyone else will be wishing for Summer, we'll be looking forward to lots of snow!

IAIN OLIPHANT, Physics Teacher/Outdoor Education Team



EXTRA-CURRICULAR S1 BADMINTON CLUB

The S1 Badminton Club has been very successful and popular with pupils of all abilities. It is an after school club which relishes the opportunity of moving into the new sports hall in the near future. The club is most grateful to the Annual Fund donors who have generously donated funds which will allow the purchase of new equipment, in particular badminton rackets, which will allow beginners the opportunity to enter the sport for the first time. The equipment will also be appreciated by those pupils who wish to enter the E.S.B.A. (East of Scotland Badminton Association) competitions as an extension to the club's activities.

JOHN WILSON, Chemistry Teacher

HEALTH AND FIRST AID – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a device which can be used by a completely untrained person to provide defibrillation “shocks” to someone who is in cardiac arrest. The device will assess the condition, and provide the appropriate shock to the casualty or advice to the attending first aider – this buys valuable time for professional help to arrive. The widely accepted evidence has shown that this form of swift response has improved survival rates from below 2% to around 40%, and recent high profile emergencies in the UK have demonstrated that that many of us, even fit and healthy athletes, are vulnerable to cardiac problems. The Annual Fund has generously agreed to purchase a few of these devices to be kept at key locations around the Heriot's sites with the aim of providing essential early intervention. We sincerely hope that we do not have to use them, but having them to hand could prove to be lifesaving. Thank you.

IAIN OLIPHANT, Health and Safety Advisor

DRAMA DEPARTMENT – CASTLE HALL PROJECT

The Drama Department is delighted that the Annual Fund has contributed so generously to the launch of the Castle Hall project. We are thrilled to have a much needed dedicated rehearsal and performance space, and the refurbishment and refitting of the Castle Hall will also provide the perfect teaching environment for the **Production Skills** element of the new National Drama Courses which launch this year. We have approached this series of works with one eye on the practicalities of the space, and another on the experience for all users of the venue. The first fundamental changes which will have the biggest impact are based around the audience experience. In order to turn a trip to a school show into an event with a sense of grandeur to it the hall has to be transformed.

Year one of this project will see the installation of two U-shaped curtain tracks. Hung from these will be black wool serge drapes which can be used to section off the hall into three areas: two in the hall itself, and the stage. This will provide three studio performance spaces which can be used independently of one another. An additional benefit of the drapes will be their sound deadening qualities. When not partitioning the room they will

hang around the perimeter of the space and help improve the poor acoustics. In addition the curtains and legs on stage will be replaced. To assist with the transformation from a gym hall to an auditorium, the floor will be sanded then be finished with a matt varnish to keep light reflection to a minimum.

Lastly the biggest personal experience for an audience is the seat on which they sit and so new functional seating will be used to enhance audience comfort. This is an exciting development for Drama and performance at George Heriot's School and we would again like to thank the Annual Fund for their help with the creation of a wonderful resource!

JULIA DOUGLAS, Principal Teacher of Drama



GEORGE HERIOT'S UNIFORM THRIFT SHOP

George Heriot's Uniform Thrift Shop provides a useful service for parents and also raises not inconsiderable funds for the Annual Fund - to contribute towards specific items of equipment which assist extra-curricular activities. This year the Thrift Shop has contributed £15,000 towards the costs of refurbishing and re-fitting the Castle Hall for Drama productions. The Thrift Shop, which is open at the Goldenacre Pavilion on Saturday mornings, is run entirely by a dedicated band of volunteer parents. It sells second hand uniform and games kit in good condition that has been donated by parents. 75% of the income from the sales of stock goes back to the donors and the remainder contributes to the Annual Fund. The refurbishment of the Castle Hall for drama productions is an excellent use of the funds raised and will bring direct benefits to the children as performers and no doubt to staff and parents too. The Thrift Shop Committee is delighted to make this contribution.

HILARY PEARCE, GHS Uniform Thrift Shop Committee, Chair

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The PA is very pleased to have made a donation towards the refurbishment of Castle Hall. Upgrading this space for drama teaching and performances will be welcomed by many children and their families, making it an ideal target for the fundraising efforts of the PA. We look forward to many future fine productions.

MARIAN CRAIG, Parents' Association Committee, Chair

The Annual Fund 2011-12 Report including a list of donors can be read on the School's website, www.george-heriots.com – under the Former Pupils/Development/Annual Fund section.

Past Reunions



50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION FIFTH AND SIXTH YEAR IN

1961-62

● Friday 1 June 2012 ●

VENI! VIDI! VICI! AS ALGY (INGLES) WOULD HAVE DECLAIMED

We returned in early June 2012 to the Wark.

We who had studied, worked, played, sung, written, struggled, smoked (perhaps), pursued girls (there were none at Heriot's then) came back to meet our colleagues and to thank our old school.

I was brought to the event by a great friend who, when at school, always desired to drive round the building in an open-topped sports car. Now a respected solicitor and singer he fulfilled that ambition, almost taking out many of our former classmates as we passed the pend.

First a tour of the school. The amazing new sports centre, the Physics Building where I understand there is still an Axylot; is it the same one, one wonders?... And the Senior Hall, sliced horizontally but still recognisable. I remember prayers and hymnbooks. The first year sitting in the balcony, **Eric Smith** blasting forth on the organ, and **Willie Dewar** whipping off his mortar board. Joy!

Then to the reception – more joy! I met people I hadn't seen for 49 years. Our year's School Captain. There's more of you now! Another old pal said, "I didn't know I'd been at school with so many baldy old guys."

We then thought about those who weren't there. Those who have passed on. Those who couldn't come because of ill health or distance. A moment of sadness. Then on with the chat and the celebration.

A wonderful meal, provided in a dining room few had seen by the very friendly staff. Minimal speechifying and much reminiscing. So many careers, so many families, and so much gratitude to George Heriot.

Afterwards a few diehards repaired to Sandy Bell's where we sorted the world until closing time. I then walked home across The Meadows as so many of us have done before. Full of memories and gratitude and a little bit of sadness.

On behalf of us all I want to thank The School, or old teachers, the Headmaster, Margaret Peat, the catering staff, and all the others involved in giving us a wonderful evening. I qualify to come again next year. I'll be there!

GEORGE ROSS

The Reunion photos can be viewed on the school website at – www.georgeheriots.com/former-pupils/development/reunions/class-of-62-june-2012



BACK ROW: D Sligo, L Hope, A Hector, R Mason, E Tait, E Begbie, G Ross, F Hope, C Fairweather, E Ferguson, R Munro, E Edmond, I Klayman, R D Wilson, D Milne

2ND BACK ROW: N Bulloch, G Holywell, G Fiskin, G Carter, C Campbell, R Dick, K Archibald, B Thomson, I Roy, I Smith, C Binnie

3RD BACK ROW: L Munro, B Paterson, P Young, G Robertson, J Cowan, N Jamieson, S Broadwood, D Heggie, B Dixon, M Potts, A Kemp, D Huett, J Doughty, R McElroy, A Walker, T Hogarth

2ND FRONT ROW: S Fiskin, S Duncan, D Coomber, D Finnie, G More, D Ritchie, M Jarron, B Craig

FRONT ROW: D Murray, N McLeod, B Lewis, J Sowrey, G Sanders, M McMurdo, R Lloyd, J Spooner, R Gardiner, J Meikie

Forthcoming Reunions

25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF

1987

● **Saturday 3 November** ●

The Development Office has been working on finding contact details for as many of the former pupils from the year group as possible. Invitations to the Reunion have been sent out. If you know of anyone from the year group who has not been contacted please ask them to get in touch with us. The Reunion will begin with a tour of part of the School, followed by a Drinks Reception and Dinner. The evening will be informal and a great opportunity to catch up with friends.

Message from Anne Skinner, Chris Turnbull and Morag Mair

We've been working alongside the Development Office over the last few months in order to track down as many old classmates as possible from our year and add their details to the existing list of addresses held by the school. The result has been incredible, and we have managed to send out well in excess of 100 invitations for the forthcoming reunion!

This is mainly due to the success of the Facebook group 'George Heriot's Class of '87'. With around 80 members to date, it continues to welcome new members. The group has proved to be an ideal platform for sharing information, as well as providing the opportunity to re-connect with old friends.

Judging by the fantastic response we've had so far, the reunion promises to be a very memorable evening, particularly as many old classmates who live abroad have expressed their interest in attending.

If you know of anyone who has not received an invitation, please get them to send in their details asap. We look forward to seeing you on 3rd November!



RUGBY FIRST XV 1986-87

BACK ROW: R Brock, M Lowder, D Bathgate, R Middleton, E Balfour
MIDDLE ROW: Mr JS Barnes, S Lessels, S Paul, A McCall, N McLaughlan, P Edwardson, J Munro, R Linklater
FRONT ROW: J Smith, E Johnson, G Wilkie, C Turnbull, F Adams, C Middleton, I Dowling

CLASS OF

2012

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

● **Tuesday 18 December** ●

The Development Office is hosting a Christmas Drinks Reception for all Former Pupils from the Class of 2012 to come back to the School and catch up with classmates and staff after their first few months of leaving Heriot's. Invitations will be sent out by email in early November, but please note the date in your diary, and we hope to see you then.



HOCKEY FIRST XI 1986-87

BACK ROW: Mrs D Barnes, R Farrell, A Paul, G Hamilton, J Reid, C McGlynn
FRONT ROW: J McIntosh, P Stewart, E Irons, J Marshall, M Ross, K Hogg, K Davis

10TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF

2002

● **Friday 28 December** ●

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF '02.

Shockingly, it has been 10 years since George Heriot's set us free to find our own way in the world. Our school years are a quickly fading memory of embarrassing early experiences and social faux pas... so to celebrate this, a gathering has been arranged on the 28th December 2012, upstairs at Cargo in Edinburgh from 7pm onward.

Whether you were a pupil or staff, whether you have kept in touch with classmates or you haven't seen anyone since you left, come along! It would be great to see everyone once again: it is sure to be a fantastic night!

For further details or to join in on the chat before the Reunion, you can visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/111752968956134/ or contact Derek directly through Facebook.

DEREK SALMOND

Forthcoming Reunions

60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION CLASSES OF

• Friday 19 April 2013 •

1952 & 53

This reunion was initiated by **John Hall** who contacted the Development Office to suggest a gathering. We will use class lists to find the names of those in each year group. We will be sending out initial letters to those we have addresses for to establish interest in the reunion.

50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

FIFTH AND SIXTH YEAR IN

• Friday 31 May 2013 •

1962-63

The Development Office is starting work to find those who were in either Fifth or Sixth Year during session 1962-63. If you are in the Fifth Year group but did not leave until the following year you are welcome to attend both this reunion and the 2014 reunion should you wish. Likewise if you are in the Sixth Year group and came last year, we would be delighted to see you again! Our view is that all are welcome and you should feel free to take the opportunity to catch up with as many friends as you would like.

Part of the success is down to valuable help from FPs in gathering names and addresses for their classmates. We are seeking help and would ask everyone to spread the word. If you know of someone not receiving **Quadrangle** please contact us with their details. We will be gathering names and addresses, and plan to send out initial information on the Reunion in early 2013



PREFECTS 1962-63

BACK ROW: HV Edwards, A Hendrie, DWM Dow, JT Chamberlain, A Kilpatrick, WG Fleming, PJD Smith, RA Webster

MIDDLE ROW: ISG Smith, DN Lyle, AG Webster, WG Brydon, DG Heggie, AK Hope, WR Harley, DB Fleming, RW George

FRONT ROW: N Jamieson, EGS Melvin, DSC Boyd, E Tait (Captain), Headmaster, KI White (Vice-Captain), AG Norbury, JP Shaw, MW Jarron



Heriot Clubs

Annual Dinner OF THE HERIOT CLUB

The Heriot Club celebrated the Founder at the Annual Dinner in the glorious setting of the School on June 2nd. A champagne reception was held in the Council Room, before **Christie Jack**, one of our S5 pipers, led ninety Herioters, partners and guests into the Old Refectory for dinner.

The Club was delighted to welcome as speakers **Gareth Hydes** (former School Captain, Class of '86) and **Neil MacArthur** (RBS legal counsel), who, along with President **Grant Simpson**, did a magnificent job of entertaining the diners.

This event is held every year on the Saturday before June Day and details of the next Dinner will be in the spring copy of **Quadrangle** and on the website. Join us next year for this very enjoyable evening.



Tanya Turnbull, Cara Watt and Anne Irons

The Heriot Club exists to commemorate George Heriot, promote the interests of the School, and form a bond of union among former pupils. The Club is delighted to welcome FPs, parents, teachers and governors of the School. Please download membership applications (£10 annual subscription) from the School's website. Follow the FP link to Development then click on "Heriot Club".

Daughter Clubs

ABERDEEN HERIOT CLUB

Contact: Gilbert MacIntosh, tel: 01224 868011, email: macgibfran@aol.com

BORDERS HERIOT CLUB

Annual Dinner, Friday 4 November, The Lodge, Carfraemill

Contact: Hugh Henney, tel: 01573 740740, email: Hugh.Henney@pfizer.com

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE HERIOT CLUB

Contact: Stuart Patrick, tel: 0161 427 4282, email: stuartpatri@gmail.com

LONDON HERIOT CLUB

Monthly Meetings, second Wednesday of every month, from 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Caledonian Club.

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 7 November, 6.30pm, Caledonian Club followed by dinner.

Annual Dinner, Friday 23 February 2013, 6.30pm for 7.30pm, Caledonian Club.

Founder's Day Service, Monday 3 June at midday, St Martin-in-the-Fields, followed by an informal lunch nearby.

Contact: Cameron Drysdale, email: Cameron.drysdale@gmail.com

MIDLANDS HERIOT CLUB

Annual Dinner, Saturday 13 October, Copt Health Golf Club

Contact: Stewart Moffat, tel: 01564 730143, email: milleri5@blueyonder.co.uk

YORKSHIRE HERIOT CLUB

President: David Henderson

Contact: Moray Bisset, tel: 01924 279387, email: moraybisset@hotmail.co.uk

HERIOT LUNCH CLUB

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm in the Starbank Inn (at the corner of Starbank Road and Laverock Bank Road), Edinburgh.

All are very welcome to attend.

Heriot Club OF TORONTO, CANADA



The 32nd Annual Meeting, attended by a number of Club members, took place on 4 June at the Oakville Golf Club. **Ken Ward** passed on the Presidency to **Ian Goulding**, and **Peter Mitchell** was elected Vice President. **Bill Kirkpatrick** and **Arthur Gray** agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer, and their efforts were gratefully acknowledged. After rousing renditions of the School songs, the meeting ended having once again been enjoyed by all.

CLUB SECRETARY – BILL KIRKPATRICK, Class of '55
Tel: 001 905 844 5754, email: bkirkpatrick3@cogeco.ca

BACK ROW: Ken Ward, John Fiddes, Charlie Porteous, Joe Howieson, Arthur Gray, John Guy, Jim McPake, Andy Turnbull

FRONT ROW: Ian Morrison, Peter Mitchell, Ian Goulding, Bob Shiels, Bill Kirkpatrick



Grateful ThanksThe school would like to acknowledge its grateful thanks for the annual donations given each year to the Annual Fund by the Heriot Club, Heriot Club of Montreal and the Heriot Club of Toronto. The Clubs' support is very much appreciated.

Borders Heriot Club – NEW FACES FOR OLD

There are a number of changes afoot in the Borders Club. The main one of course, is the retirement from office of **Jim McFarlane**. As Secretary of the club for the last 32 years, Jim's name has become synonymous with that of the Borders Heriot Club. The enthusiasm for Heriot's which he showed in the classroom and on the rugby field in the forties has not dimmed with the years, and he has been a proud and stalwart member of the Heriot Community ever since. I am sure that we all wish Jim a very happy and well deserved retirement, but I personally am very pleased that he will continue to serve on the Borders Committee for a time, as his knowledge of this daughter club is quite unsurpassed.

Of course, if it is out with the old, it is also in with the new. **Hugh Hennie** has been a member of the club for a good number of years and I am confident that, as the new club Secretary, he will step seamlessly into the breach left by Jim. Hugh is from the Class of '82, he lives near Lauder, and works as an Area Business Manager for Pfizer Animal Health, managing a team of 3 vets and 5 salesmen covering Scotland and Northern Ireland.

David Hume was unfortunately unable to take up the post of President this year and so I have agreed to serve a further year, while another young face has been appointed as Vice-President for a year and will take over from me as President in 2013. He is **Alan Horberry**, who is from the Class of '87 and lives in Peebles. Alan joined Lothian and Borders Fire Brigade on leaving school and is currently one of four Area Commanders for the Fire and Rescue Service. He was sponsored by the Fire and Rescue Service to study Law at Strathclyde and then a Masters at Aberdeen, and

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Jim McFarlane



Hugh Henney



Alan Horberry

he is heavily involved in the planning to create the single Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in 2013. When he can find any spare time he is a keen outdoor pursuits man. He has recently completed his round of the Munros and is a regular canoeist on the Tweed.

As far as the yearly calendar is concerned, the AGM is held in April at the Carfraemill Hotel, and the 2013 date will appear in the spring edition of **Quadrangle**. An inter-schools golf competition between Border FP clubs is held at the Hirsell on the Friday before June Day each year, and any Herioter is welcome to come as a guest and strengthen the Heriot challenge. Still on the golf course, there is an annual match against the FP Golf Club, alternating between Border and Lothian venues, and again Herioter guests are welcome to become involved. The Annual Club Dinner, where we are always pleased to see new faces, will take place at 7pm at the Carfraemill Hotel, Lauder, on Friday 9th November. Please email or phone Hugh to reserve your place. There are also occasional one-off events, e.g. an informal lunch, before a Heriot's Rugby Club fixture in the Borders. The committee would be keen to hear of ideas for additional events from members or prospective members.

We look forward to hearing from you.

STEWART BARNES – President

George Heriot's FPs Ladies' Hockey Club

George Heriot's FPs Ladies' Hockey Club is seeking hockey players to join us this season for competitive and fun-filled hockey!

Season 2012/13 promises to be another positive year at Heriot's, building on great 2011/12 performances. The Club can cater for female players 14 years + of any ability and one of our main purposes is to have fun! It is a good chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones and the social events are always great experiences.

We train every Tuesday from 7-9pm at Goldenacre with our home games played mainly on Saturdays, also at Goldenacre.

For more information and to get in touch please check out our facebook page, our website at www.georgeheriothockey.com or email us at georgeheriothockey@gmail.com

It would be great to hear from FPs but please also spread the word to family and friends – all are welcome!

Many thanks

Jennifer Liddell
Club President



Heriot's Rugby Club

Forthcoming Events:

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2012

Ladies' Lunch at Goldenacre,

(when Heriot's play Melrose in the Premier League)

The event will kick off at around noon with drinks, followed by a 2-course lunch with tea/coffee and half bottle of wine. **Tickets cost £25 per person, including entry to the ground (usually £10).**

Ladies are welcome to book individual places or can reserve tables.

The Club would be delighted to welcome all ladies – former pupils, mums, friends – for a fun afternoon and an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make some new ones!

Further information and all reservations can be made to:

ELIZABETH IRONS, Secretary and General Manager,

Mobile: **07801 280 988**

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RONALD (SAMMY) SMALL – CPO NAVAL SECTION, CLASS OF '56

A Life on the Ocean Wave



Davey Tait, John Cassels and Sammy Small in Amsterdam

In the summer of 1956 the local Sea Cadets and Naval Section of the CCF had an opportunity to sail from Leith to Holland in a converted wooden hulled fishing boat, (MFV) T.S. Pandora. We at Heriot's were offered six places on this trip but the Naval Section could only fill three. Thanks to the assistance of **Commander Ross Gall** and **Sub Lt Donald Hastie** we co-opted three volunteers from the RAF Section who were temporarily kitted out as matelots and issued with sea sickness pills! As far as I can remember our part of the crew consisted of **Sammy Small, Davey Tait, Colin Johnston, John Cassels, Charlie Anderson** and **Ian Stoddart** (I may be wrong).

We set sail from Leith, nearly ran aground off North Berwick (I was not at the wheel) but, undaunted, managed to cross the North Sea and arrive at the Dutch fishing port of Urk and then at Amsterdam via the canal network. We spent a very enjoyable week in that beautiful city cementing Scottish/Dutch relations! We then commenced our return trip to Leith via Scarborough and arrived back in sunny Leith in one piece having had an amazing experience. I cannot imagine such a voyage being sanctioned nowadays with the amount of shipping in the Forth and North Sea.

This turned out to be just a warm up voyage for me as I served my National

Service in the Royal Navy on leaving school. After a period of training at the Naval Signal School, I was drafted to HMS Ulysses, an anti-submarine frigate, and spent six months in the Mediterranean based in Malta where, apart from trying to sink submarines, we visited Gibraltar, Toulon (Monte Carlo), Naples (Rome and Capri) and Cyprus. We returned to Plymouth before setting out for Christmas Island via Jamaica and the Panama Canal to weather report for the H Bomb test in April 1958. We witnessed the detonating of the bomb which was an awesome sight. Health and Safety, you must be joking! We were on the upper deck with heads between our knees and no protective clothing, and were allowed to turn and see the tremendous fireball and mushroom cloud which was fantastic. During our spell at the site we played football on the island with the Army and RAF personnel. I appeared to suffer no ill effects but I do tend to glow in the dark! We returned to the U.K. via Fiji, New Zealand (Auckland, Dunedin and Wellington), The Gilbert and Admiralty Islands, Singapore, Ceylon, Mombasa, Aden, The Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal.

During my spell in the Royal Navy I played hockey in Gibraltar, rugby in Fiji, cricket in New Zealand, and tennis in Kenya. Life was hell!!!! And I was paid £1.50 per week as well!

The Longest Gap between School and Reunion

It all started with an email from the School Development Office.

They had been asked by **David Young**, Class of '42, how he would get in touch with me as he had been in my class at school and we had played rugby together.

Having left school in April 1940 I was intrigued and delighted at the contact after 72 years and sent him an email. To my surprise his reply came from South Africa!

He had gone there after qualifying as a mining engineer in Edinburgh, though he had first worked in coal mines around Edinburgh and then gone to Rhodesia to work in copper mines.

We exchanged memories of school including our nights on fire watching, equipped with stirrup pumps and buckets of sand to put out any German incendiary bombs which dared to set fire to our beloved school.

He admitted he could not remember many of the names of others in our class, so by looking up my scrap book and finding a photograph of Class 1A (1939) rugby team, complete with names, I was able to help.



CLASS 1A (1939) RUGBY TEAM

STANDING: F Watson, G Stephen, D E Muir, D S Reid, W McKay, J Paterson, A Fraser
KNEELING: T McDowell, D Young, N Cruikshanks, N Bremner, G Bell, D McMahon

It would be very interesting to know how many of those in the photograph survived the war and are around today, bearing in mind they will be 86/87 years old.

If those who are around would like to contact me by email on muirde@gmail.com I will follow this up and report on our email reunion after a gap of 72 years.

DOUGLAS MUIR Class of '41

Letter to The Times 6 AUGUST 2012

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson writes: at an investiture at Buckingham Palace in December 1982 I was shown into an anteroom where stood a tall, distinguished man in a morning coat whom I took to be a member of the Household. I was dressed in an army frock coat. He said, "I can see what you are. Why are you getting a knighthood?" A touch taken aback, I muttered something then said, "How about you?" He replied, "I'm a Treasury knight." No more was said because at that point I was led off to be dubbed.

His face seemed familiar but, in answer to my question, my wife said she did not catch his name during the investiture. A week later, on receiving the list of those who had attended, I found the name **Sir William Ryrie** alongside mine. I suddenly realised that it was my school chum Bill whom I had neither seen nor heard of for 35 years. My family was impressed when I produced a photograph of the School Prefects 1946-47 in which we are side by side. He was a very bright pupil who just missed out on being Dux. How interested I was to read about his outstanding career in your excellent obituary, but how frustrated I feel that we did not recognise each other and were not able to talk about our schooldays at George Heriot's among other things.

Sir Bob wrote to The Times on reading the obituary for **Sir William Ryrie**. A few days later he read the obituary for another of his classmates, **Professor John L Monteith**. Sir Bob remembers that the Dux for 1947 was won jointly by John Monteith. All three can be seen in the photograph mentioned in the letter.



SCHOOL PREFECTS – SESSION 1946-47

BACK ROW: G D Braidwood, I W McFarlane, G Miller, R F Richardson, W S Ryrie, K E Newport, T L Davidson
MIDDLE ROW: A C Ryrie, A H Bishop, P C Harnden, J F Gardner, A K Livingstone, W G Jeffrey, I G Murdoch, A M Robertson
FRONT ROW: G F Brown, R M Hunter, J Richardson, D A Stewart (School Capt.), The Headmaster, J L Monteith (Vice-Capt.), A J Cochran, I D Lornie, E D Hay

Former Pupil | Musician

The Waterboys – *An Appointment with Mr Yeats*



Taking an Advanced Higher English class to a music concert may not seem like the most conventional way to study, but for **Mr Lowe's** class – who have been studying W. B. Yeats – a trip to see *The Waterboys* was perfect. The band have a whole new album devoted to Yeats' poetry and the concert added a bit of spice to the otherwise revision-filled Easter holidays; we were delighted to be able

to see the band perform a large number of songs from the album, *An Appointment With Mr Yeats*.

On the evening of Easter Sunday a packed Festival Theatre was treated to a first half bursting with vintage Waterboys – envied by many a jealous parent (and eagerly anticipated by a few family members who decided to buy themselves tickets...) The second half dealt almost exclusively with Yeats' poetry, set to music by the band themselves. Using a wide variety of props and lighting, they brought the poems we had been studying to life, from the apocalyptic predictions of *The Second Coming*, to the Celtic mysticism of *The Song of the Wandering Aengus*. After several enthusiastic and energetic encores (and some attempts at dancing), we were able to go backstage to talk to the lead-singer of The Waterboys, former pupil, **Mike Scott**, about Yeats: from how they chose the poems (a mix of favourite poems and those

that most easily lend themselves to musical interpretation) to their views on the meaning of *September 1913*.

Not only did the evening prove a fun outing for our class to see a home-grown band with links to the school, it was also a chance to experience Yeats' work in a way most poetry students are not able to.

The class are extremely grateful to Mike for providing complimentary tickets to the concert, and for generously giving some of his own time after the show to talk to us about Yeats.

Mike attended Heriot's from 1963-71 and then the family moved from Edinburgh. You can read more about Mike and The Waterboys, and his new book "Adventures of a Waterboy" at his website – www.mikescottwaterboys.com



Mary Newman, Roisin McLaren, Mike Scott, Arabella Stewart-Leslie and Chloe Woods

Former Pupil | Author

LAURA VIVANCO – CLASS OF '92

From Medieval Death to Mills & Boon

As far as academic matters are concerned, perhaps I've taken Robert Burns's comments about the mouse and forward planning a little bit too much to heart. If so, it's not so surprising given that I arrived at Heriot's thanks to a bursary which I only received after it had been discovered that someone else, who would have received one, wasn't technically eligible for it. I decided to go to St Andrews to study French and International Relations because I didn't do as well in Sixth Year Studies English as I'd expected, but I left there with a degree in Spanish. I returned to do a Ph.D. on medieval Castilian love poetry, but ended up writing a thesis on a very different topic: it was later published as *Death in Fifteenth Century Castile: Ideologies of the Elites*.

A rather more personal encounter with the topic of death saw me spending a month in Glasgow's Yorkhill Hospital for Sick Children, looking after my seriously ill son (unexpectedly, the surgeon who performed an operation on him was also a Herioter). To while away some of the time, I picked up a few of the Mills & Boons that had been left in the temporary accommodation for families. Maybe I'd not have done so if, long before, I'd got that expected



A in CSYS English. As it was, though, my expectations of literature had been shaped by prolonged study of medieval poetry which often conformed to quite restrictive generic conventions and prose works of fiction which placed a low value on realism. My son recovered, but I remained intrigued by the Mills & Boons. Online, I made contact with other romance readers and became a founding member of *Teach Me Tonight*, an academic blog about popular romance fiction, and then the International Association for the Study of Popular Romance. Even within the community of romance readers, though, Mills & Boons were often scorned and I decided it was time to write another book. I wanted to demonstrate that these are novels, often metafictional in nature, which locate themselves within a

long tradition comprising both traditional tales (such as fairy stories and myths), and literary works including Shakespeare's comedies and the novels of Jane Austen. I looked, too, at their use of metaphors and, remembering **Mr Grant's** rather shamefaced explanation of what Seamus Heaney might have been alluding to when he used the phrase 'ferny bed', I made sure to include some of the more horticultural ones. The result is *For Love and Money: The Literary Art of the Harlequin Mills & Boon Romance*.

Former Pupil | Playwright

LINDSAY ATTWOOD – CLASS OF 2003

One Elliot Park

I am a playwright living in Falkirk and working as the Groups Sales Assistant at the box office of the King's and Festival Theatres in Edinburgh. I left Heriot's in 2003 and finally moved to live in Edinburgh. After travelling from Peebles since Primary 7 I'd had enough of the commute. I went to Telford College to study Technical Theatre and then Queen Margaret University where I gained a degree in Drama and Theatre Arts. I spent my third and fourth years at Uni specialising in Playwriting and left with four plays ready to set the world on fire.

After my degree I spent nearly three months in L.A. and became ridiculously patriotic, answering questions like 'Do you have pizza in Scotland?' and 'Is it just like Braveheart?'. I soon realised where I wanted to be, and that Scotland would always be home. I came back ready to change the world and then reality hit – like a very large brick wall, with spikes.

I managed to get a job, which is more than I can say for a number of my contemporaries. It was a student-type casual job but it meant money and flexibility. I showcased my horror play *Underlying Truth* at the Pleasance Theatre in London, and it seemed to go down well. I also finished the Young Writers course at the Traverse Theatre with a workshop on one of my plays run by Dominic Hill – the Artistic Director at that time. I have taken part in a number of Scratch nights around Edinburgh and Glasgow – where an extract of your work is chosen and is directed and read to an audience. I recommend you try out a Scratch night if you can: there can be some real gems and it showcases new talent in the theatre world – writers, actors and directors. *Words, Words, Words* at the Traverse is a stalwart and *Little Rooms – Pub Theatre* is brand new.

Just before I moved to L.A., I met a boy. He's an Airdrie boy so from the other side – he doesn't even like Chippy sauce on his fish supper. We managed to see past these big differences and in April this year we got married and are still sickeningly happy. While organising the wedding I was also chosen from over sixty applicants to be one of the six lucky people to take part in

the Playwrights Studio Mentorship Programme. This is quite a big deal in the Scottish Theatre scene and the programme is seen as a stepping stone into the professional world. I was mentored by the established, and lovely, playwright Isabel Wright, and for six months we met up and discussed a brand new play I was writing called *Without a Hand to Hold*. It was a wonderful experience and I learnt a lot about the way I work and how much further I can push myself and my writing.

Each piece I write is a thousand times better than the piece before, and I've had such great support from people within the industry but also from my family who have never questioned my desire to be an artist and not get a 'proper' job. Both my sisters, **Julie**, Class of '98, and **Dorothy (Dot)**, Class of 2001, were at Heriot's before me and the encouragement I get from them, my parents, Julie's husband and now my husband and his family, is overwhelming. I have had moments when I've felt nothing will happen and I thought I was being selfish and living in a dream world, but they have pulled me through it and made me realise that even if that is the case, I'm doing what I love and being happy and close to them is what's important.

The most recent excitement in my writing career was the professional production of my play *One Elliot Park* by the Edinburgh based theatre company *Siege Perilous* in June this year. It was cast and directed extremely well and received excellent reviews. We even got a 5* review which is great news for a first run. The play was performed to sell out audiences and we're hoping to do more with it if we can get funding. The next project is a commission with Aberdeen based company, *RedRag*, who are hoping to organise a tour of a new piece in spring next year.

I feel extremely lucky to be able to live in my 'dream world' and do something I feel passionate about, and it is lovely to be getting some recognition for it. I want to thank all those who were involved in my life at Heriot's for helping me get here.

LINDSAY MILLER the playwright.



Dot, Lindsay and Julie

Horseplay *hits* Heriot Holiday

Dangerous horseplay in the playground of George Heriot's School, Edinburgh has caused the headmaster, Mr W. McL. Dewar, in consultation with the governors, to cancel the mid-term holiday on February 17th. The announcement was made at Assembly this morning. According to two senior boys, the ban was brought about by what the headmaster considered deliberate defiance of a warning given before the end of the summer term.

"Some boys stand in a ring in the playground and throw milk bottles up in the air, just to break them," said one of the boys. "The same game begins with a tennis ball but some of the younger ones get carried away. The janitor was hit with a can on one occasion when he tried to stop them". Apparently the game was repeated at the end of the winter term, the headmaster's warning ignored. An attempt was made to find the culprits, some of whom it is believed were discovered. "But now the whole school is being penalised for the acts of a few", commented one of the boys, "and the school do not like it".

The foregoing article with its alliterative title appeared in the Evening News and Dispatch on Thursday 16 January 1964. I certainly recall the incident and would have been in the second year of the Senior school at the time. I should of course also state at the outset that I was not personally involved!

I also have no idea what the catalyst was for the event but I do remember becoming aware of a commotion at the east end of the playground close to the Greyfriars gate. Who knows what group dynamics were at play, but a circle of some twenty or so pupils had formed and milk bottles were being thrown and smashed on the ground. The event didn't seem to last for very long but the Governors were certainly outraged by it.

Dr Dewar was equally aggrieved that some pupils had reported the incident to the press and I can remember his words exactly when he announced in his unique clipped style that the mid-term holiday had been cancelled. There was a shocked silence and the decision was to have a remarkable effect on the school. The huge majority had been non-participants with no knowledge of the incident at the time and were genuinely aggrieved that they should be held responsible for the misdemeanours of an irresponsible few who it seemed had refused to identify themselves. And so the word went round: at morning assembly on the following Monday we would protest by not singing the hymn. *(I remember travelling to school that morning feeling very apprehensive about the possible consequences but there was nothing one could do).*

The effect was astonishing. Dr Dewar was taken completely unaware but nevertheless sang a fine solo while the masters without class responsibility, and who sat together at the rear of the senior hall, did their embarrassed best as his backing group. Of course it had no effect on the Governors' decision but the quality of singing at morning assembly never quite recovered and a small permanent choir had to be press-ganged to ensure some musical success in the hymn thereafter.

The incident has, I guess, passed almost into history but Heriot's was a very different establishment then. From the youngest pupil to the oldest FP, there now seems to be so much pride in their association with the School which unquestionably accounts for its present-day success and enviable reputation.



John's article was in response to our archivist **Fraser Simm's** request in a previous **Quadrangle** for former pupils to let him know of memories of incidents and people from the past which are always welcome for inclusion in the archives. **Bill Simpson**, Class of '66 and **Dennis Howell**, Class of '67 also sent in their memories of this incident, along with some other stories from their school days, for which we are grateful. Thanks also go to **John Barclay**, Class of '46, who was able to give facts and details of the early days of the Sea Cadets, following on from the article by **Francis Reid**, Class of '48, in the previous newsletter. So please do get in touch.

JONATHAN HODGES – CLASS OF 2007

Museum *Life*:

100 YEARS OF THE BELL PETTIGREW MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Having graduated in Medieval History from St Andrews last June, I found myself back in the 'auld grey town' in September for an M.Litt. in Museum and Gallery Studies. It has been a heavy, but certainly a rewarding, year. For part of our project work, we were divided into three teams, each charged with curating an exhibition to professional standards at a local museum. I chose to be part of a group putting on an exhibition at the Gateway Galleries, on the theme of the centenary of the Bell Pettigrew Museum of Natural History, a university museum that houses a mostly Victorian collection of taxidermy, fossils, skeletons and animal specimens inside an attractive Edwardian setting, complete with mosaic floor.

The idea was to use items from the Museum's collections to tell the story of the museum, rather than following the taxonomic arrangement found in the museum itself. We chose a range of specimens that were of specific historic interest, or which served to illustrate the diversity of the collections. The undoubted star of the show was the 'Cyclopic Piglet', one of a selection of *Iusus naturae* from the 19th century collections (**Mrs Jennings** always said Classics would come in useful!) In a somewhat un-classical moment of inspiration, I decided that his name would be Bruce. We also had one of the Dura Den fossils, found at Cupar by Rev. Dr. John Anderson in 1836, a plaster cast of a Rattlesnake that had been bought at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and a Red Panda, the museum's latest acquisition, which entered the collections just a few weeks before the exhibition.

As a member of DABS (Doing Art in the Bell Pettigrew Society), I was able

to secure a number of works of amateur art, displaying some of the uses to which the museum is now put, and conducted an oral history project. I also had responsibility for printed materials, publicity and fundraising.

Working to a strict deadline was difficult, and certainly there were occasional points of tension between group members. Nevertheless, the project was completed 'on time and within budget', and we started looking forward to the opening night. For guest speaker, I had proposed the Principal of the University, Professor Louise Richardson, and we were delighted when she agreed to host the event. Music was provided in the form of the jazz band 'Brass Monkey', with trumpet virtuoso, fellow FP and St Andrews' man, **David Graves**, (Class of 2007) to set off what was a very memorable evening.

After opening night, we had a series of events connected with the exhibition to organise, including a lecture, art event (complete with music from a 1920's gramophone!) and a murder mystery. Now that the exhibition is over, I am looking to pursue a career as a museum curator, and am currently taking an internship at the National Museum of Scotland, just a stone's throw from the old school, working with the Fijian collections at the Department of World Cultures.



RACHEL NORTH – CLASS OF 2005

Not *all* those who wander are lost

It all started with the decision to go to university in Edinburgh. I was 16 years old, happy with my life, happy with my friends at GHS and not ready to leave. I applied to a variety of colleges/universities around the city and was accepted into Edinburgh College of Art to study Architecture.

In my first few weeks at ECA, hearing freshers' stories from all over the UK and walking past GHS en route to College, I began to wonder if my decision had been too safe. Not that going to ECA was a bad idea, much to the contrary: I had 6 (yes...6) great years there that I wouldn't change for the world. But when in our third year of study we were told to start applying for "year out" jobs (a mandatory part of architectural study) I thought it was maybe time to leave Lauriston Place.

I wondered about the idea of heading to London, Glasgow was in with a chance and Newcastle/Leeds/Bristol did sound like fun... but, with impeccable timing, recession hit. Suddenly architecture jobs throughout the UK were scarce and I became increasingly despondent. Then a friend suggested Dubai as its construction sector was famously doing well.

"I can't go to Dubai! It's... so far away!"

Two months later, and a very lucky job application to the right firm at the right time accepted... I was



on a plane. "Oh God what have I done?"

I had done something that would shape me for life and give me one of the best experiences I've had to date. One full year was spent working in an architect's playground, living on the beach, finding my independence and earning a tax free wage. Goodbye student union, hello Burj Al Arab. Not only did I have good fun, I experienced a new culture and learned to design buildings with that culture's needs in mind, something I found fascinating. I also learned (something) of a new language and added valuable experience to my

CV, which has helped to this day. Thanks to Dubai, employers now see me as brave and having shown initiative; and my experience involved in projects such as 'The World Islands' and the 'Dubai Metro' have stood me in good stead. Along with all this I have built up some incredible contacts in my industry and developed a passion for travel.

This new found passion went on to take me around South Africa on a truck where I jumped off the world's highest bungee bridge; around China on a train where I climbed the Great Wall; to Costa Rica where I taught English in a local school; and to where I am now... Hong Kong. The city that never sleeps. Where I live on a hill with a built in escalator and where people eat noodles for breakfast. And most importantly... where there is a demand for more buildings.

I'm not saying pack your bags and move to China. But I am saying that in a time like this where the job market is hard – think outside the box. Take a chance and be an opportunist, even for a year. The experience will shape you in ways you never imagined, show you things you never thought you'd see and, if nothing else, give you stories you can share seven years on from school. Home will always be home, and will always be waiting for you when the time comes that all you want is old friends, a cup of tea and a piece of tablet.

MURRAY DARLING – CLASS OF '80

Murray Darling's journey from Heriot's



While contemplating the fact that I am about to hit 50 years of age (28/8/62), I realized that it has been quite a journey from my days in the 1970's as "Tubby Darling" (the nickname stuck from my arrival in P3 at Heriot's in 1969 until I left after 6th year – with its first intake of girls! – in 1980).

It might surprise a few of my old teachers to know that I moved on to Edinburgh University and studied so hard that I ended up as top student in my Honours Economics class and looked set for a career in Finance. However, I decided when interviewing during the "milk round" that the marketing people were more fun and so I took that path and moved to London in 1984 to join Colgate-Palmolive as a UK marketing trainee. I then managed to weave my travel bug into my career as I joined Pepsi as European Marketing Manager and then got a global new product development role with Diageo (known as United Distillers in those days). I moved to New York to set up a new products division for Diageo USA, and that involved visiting trendy parts of Miami, San Diego, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. It was on one of those 1997 business trips (travelling from Miami to New Orleans) that I bumped into my future wife, Angela, in Jacksonville, Florida. We are now happily married 15 years later, and live in Bangkok, Thailand.

Soon after we got engaged, I got transferred to Jamaica for three years (running global marketing for Red Stripe beer was one of my favorite jobs!) So, given that Orlando was just an hour away and Angela's family and friends were scattered around the USA and Mexico, and mine were in Scotland and England, we decided that Disneyworld would be the best guest venue for our wedding. Not only did it have a chapel by the Magic Kingdom, Mickey and Minnie were guests!

Most recently, we spent over six years in Seattle where I fulfilled more travel ambitions leading Starbucks International's Marketing and Product Management, and then moved over to my current role as Managing Director for Starbucks Thailand (where I like the variety of leading a team of many functions rather than just one). Before I left my second stay in America, I completed my quest to visit all 50 US states (there are a few quirky ones out there for sure!)

I am coming up to 10 years now with Starbucks and it has been a wonderful experience to work with a big company that cares so much about its people, its communities and the environment. Just last week we teamed up with the Princess of Thailand to support the Mercy Foundation's training and housing of underprivileged Bangkok youths. Last month I was on a coffee farm

in Sumatra, Indonesia and got to see the healthcare clinic that we built for the farming community there.

My journey may slow down in my 50s and 60s. I have been fortunate enough to have visited 86 countries and hope to hit my 100 target before my time is up. However, we feel less like travelling far these days as we live in one of the most vibrant cities in the world (Bangkok) with a tropical climate, very friendly people, floodlit golf and great food, with noodle stands on every corner!

This journey was all made possible by the start that I had as a pupil at Heriot's. I'd like to say a very belated thanks to my Economics teacher, **Mr Simmons**, for teaching me the subject that was the springboard for my future, and for believing in me. Oh, and thanks to my Mum and Dad for sending me!

Every time I return to Edinburgh, I still meet up with my three 1970s classmates (**David Bell, David Sinclair and Brian Reilly**) and I am sure they will give me some grief for telling this story when I see them next!

I often pass by the school on my visits back home as it reminds me of my beginnings and makes me think about how lucky I have been to have had this exciting journey so far.

Japan

When thinking of Japan, one conjures up images of robots, high speed trains and futuristic technology, all juxtaposed with thoughts of geishas and cherry blossoms. But that doesn't even scratch the surface of what Japan is actually like. For as long as I can remember, I have been quite infatuated with all things Japanese, especially anime and manga. And as the idea of one day being able to spend a year in Japan changed from merely a vague dream to an actual possibility, I set my heart on coming to Japan for my gap year. The organisation I decided to go with was *Latitude*, because they offered the option to volunteer in hospitals, rather than teaching English.

The first few days in Japan in September took a little adjusting to. I had come from wet and cool to extremely hot and humid, which left me lying in front of the air conditioner in an attempt to cool down. At the time of arriving in Japan, I had been taking language lessons for about a year and being able to speak Japanese has been enormously helpful to me this year. The supervisors at both of my placements told me that previous volunteers had struggled because they did not learn the language.

For my first six month placement, I worked at Wakayama Red Cross Medical Centre. I assisted at four different wards with tasks such as bed making and taking patients to and from x-ray, MRI etc. By far the most exciting ward for me was A&E because I was allowed to help prepare the patients for the doctors when they were delivered by ambulance or helicopter. One of the doctors spoke excellent English and explained to me the various illnesses in detail. He also made sure that I could see what was going on, and I had the chance to try CPR as well as observe various types of emergency hand surgery. Over all the work was very varied and the staff made every day very enjoyable.

At the end of the day, I got to spend time at either the hospital nursery or the nearby nursing school. The children were always excited to play and although they were rather shy, they warmed up very quickly. At the nursing school, it was nice being able to talk to others my age, as everyone in the hospital was considerably older than me. Surprisingly, they were even more nervous than the children and, despite having studied English, they were rather hesitant to use it. Still, I enjoyed talking about what kinds of things are popular with Japanese teenagers.

On weekends, I was free to do what I wanted and most often, I would go and look around the small shopping areas in and around the station. Japan is a very consumer-led society where almost any gizmo you would ever, and never, need can be found in the incredibly convenient ¥100 shops. Occasionally, I would save my allowance and take

a trip to Osaka and explore the city. As it is the second largest city in Japan, I spent quite a lot of time orienting myself in the confusing subway system, and then in the even more confusing and maze-like subway stations that extend in all directions underground with innumerable shops and restaurants.

My second placement was in Nagasaki, the site of the second atomic bomb dropped on Japan during WWII. Nagasaki is actually a fairly small city. I worked at Nagasaki Atomic Bomb RC Hospital, and I learnt that around 30% of cancer cases are still the result of radiation from seventy years ago. My work there was fairly similar to what I had done in Wakayama, but I changed wards every two weeks and therefore was able to work at all the wards in the hospital as well as in the kitchen. Best of all, however, were the days once a month when I was allowed to watch operations.

During my free time, I picked up Tai Chi and spent a lot of time with the ladies from that class who showed me around Nagasaki and the surrounding areas. I learnt a lot about the history during the time when Japan was closed to the west and only the Dutch were permitted to trade.

Between my two placements I spent a month exploring Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka. The sheer size of Tokyo – 35.7m people live in the Tokyo metropolitan area as against London with 13.7m – is just incredible. The first few days I visited

various historic sites and temples, such as the Meiji and Asakusa shrines. I was always amazed at the transition from the busy streets and skyscrapers to the quiet and tranquil forest around the shrines. I also sleepwalked to the famous Tsukiji Fish Market which starts at 5am! The rest of my time in Tokyo, I spent mostly in Akihabara, the anime and electronic district, and Shibuya, the fashion and teen district. Next I travelled to Kyoto where you can experience its immensely rich history in the old town centre. I visited many temples, but by far the most beautiful was the magical Fushimi Inari Shrine where thousands of bright orange torii meander for many kilometres up the mountain through the forest. It felt like something straight out of a Miyazaki animation. Kyoto is one of the last places where you can still experience the *old* Japan, and it was a really stunning place to visit.

Over this year I have met so many wonderful, friendly and generous people, and have made some wonderful memories. Even though I did not experience any real difficulties during my stay, I believe I have grown as a person and I am proud of myself for coping far better than I had expected. Having had such an interesting and rewarding time here, I am looking forward to the next opportunity to return and explore more of the culture I am so infatuated with.

Japan truly is a place like no other!



Forthcoming Events:

Further details may be obtained from the Development Office.

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SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

9.45am-1.00pm

School Open Morning

George Heriot's School

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

7.00pm

25th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of '87

George Heriot's School

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

11.00am

Remembrance Sunday

George Heriot's School

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

6.00pm-7.30pm

Class of 2012 Reception

George Heriot's School

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FRIDAY 31 MAY

7.00pm

50th Anniversary Reunion for Fifth and Sixth Year 1962-63

George Heriot's School

MONDAY 3 JUNE

9.45am

June Day

George Heriot's School

Legacy

Heriot's exists today due to the generous bequest by George Heriot.

The **George Heriot's 1628 Society** exists for all those who have pledged a legacy to the School. We are most grateful to those of you

who have responded to our Legacy Brochure for your support. If you have made provision for the School in your will and would like to let us know, we would be happy to offer you honorary membership of the **1628 Society**.

Should you wish to receive a Legacy Brochure, or would like to discuss the possibility of leaving a legacy to the School, please contact the Development Office.

Our Sad farewells to Former Staff

We were sorry to hear of the death of the **Rev Ian C Dougall** in April. Mr Dougall joined Heriot's in 1972, teaching religious education and history. In 1983 he was appointed Head of Religious Education and School Chaplain. Ian was responsible for a number of years for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He left in 1987 to return to Kenya, where he was born, to take up missionary work.

In May sad news came of the death of the **Rev Allan S Macpherson** who will be remembered by former pupils and staff. Allan joined Heriot's in 1969, teaching religious education as Head of Department, and was also School Chaplain. He was involved in Rugby and Cricket Training and assisted with the Pipe Band. He left in 1983 to serve in the parish ministry in the North East of Scotland, and returned to Edinburgh to become Chaplain at Merchiston Castle School.

Desperately Seeking...

... CAN YOU HELP FIND?

The Development Office is continually updating the database and we would ask that you let us know of any changes to your contact details.

has been returned by the Post Office. Also, some members of the Class of '87 we are looking to find for their forthcoming Reunion.

The following are some Former Pupils whom we have lost touch with since the last mailing which

If you have any information we would be most grateful to hear from you.

NAME	CLASS OF	25TH REUNION - CLASS OF '87
NORMAN M DREW	1955	WENDY D ALLCOCK
RONALD R NICOL	1958	ALISON M BORTHWICK
JOHN M ANDERSON	1960	SANDRA J BRODIE
MICHAEL DENNY	1964	DAVID F Y CHEUNG
JOHN M CLARKSON	1968	K ELAINE CLEGHORN
NEIL J FAIRLEY	1970	KEVIN D COWLEY
LESLIE COMMON	1975	MARK G N FERGUSON
RICHARD THOMPSON	1979	PAUL K W GRANT
ELLIOT J BLYTH	1989	LORRAINE A KEMP
DAVID J RITCHIE	1995	STEPHEN W R MACINTOSH
EILIDH S STEELE	1995	JASON MCCRAN
MICHAEL ANGUS	1996	JENNIFER S H REID
JENNIFER A SHORT	1998	CHRISTOPHER I RENNIE
ALASDAIR W MITCHELL	2000	ZOE J TENNANT
SAMUEL T BLACKWOOD	2006	ANNE E WATKINS

All your News, Views and Photographs

We would like to thank those of you who have been in touch to share news and memories of days at Heriot's, and to make suggestions for future editions.

Grateful thanks are due to all those who have contributed articles for this edition of **Quadrangle**; please keep them coming in for future editions. Thanks to **Kenneth Simpson**, Principal Teacher of English, who very kindly checks material prior to design and printing.

We are delighted to welcome Former Pupils and their families back to school to visit and tell us of their school days. It is helpful if you let us know in advance of your visit so that we can make the necessary arrangements for someone to show you around, and help you make the most of your time back at Heriot's.

If there are any particular items you would like to see in **Quadrangle**, please do not hesitate to get in touch with:

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